

# *First Presbyterian Church*



## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

We live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, service, and witness. As a Christ-centered church empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek God's plan for each of us and all of us. We welcome everyone to journey with us as we strive to grow in love, faith, trust, and discipleship.

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# First Presbyterian Church

March 26, 2023 – 5th Sunday in Lent

\*You are invited to stand if able\*

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

*Here in this place of peace, we hear your call to life. Here in this place of praise, we hear your call to transformation. Call me from busy and wearying thoughts. Calm my fears and fulfill my longing for your presence within. In this time of worship, make me new once again by the living breath you give to us. Amen.*

## – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME –

WELCOME

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

MINUTE FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Christ is the Resurrection and the Life;  
for Christ has shown us the way of life eternal

**People: Death will not have the final word,  
We wait for the Lord and his Word we hope.**

Leader: For truly as we have cared for the least among us,  
We have cared for and loved Christ himself.

**People: We enter this time of worship together,  
Living in the way, the truth, and the life of Christ Jesus.**

## OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power. Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead when we leave these walls, help us live the teachings we proclaim within this place of worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **HYMN:**

**“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”**

**Red 598**

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor

The dry and lifeless bones, symbolic of Israel’s sinfulness and rejection of God, lay still. But God desired the bones to live again. Lazarus lay dead in the tomb, yet Jesus called him to live again. Although we were dead in our sins, God willed to breathe new life into us. Let us come in repentance and confession that we might find forgiveness.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. We are often sure that things will not work out, doubting even your ability to put things right in our lives. We rest in our brokenness and sin. Forgive our lack of faith, our wandering, and our seeking to control our lives and futures outside of your care. Teach us to wait on you and your steadfast love. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.**

## \*SILENT CONFESSION

**\*KYRIE: *Lord have mercy upon us;*  
*Christ have mercy upon us;*  
*Lord have mercy upon us***

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

With the Lord, there is steadfast love and great power to redeem. God grants forgiveness, placing new breath in our dry bones and replacing our shattered dreams with new ones. In Christ you have been brought from death to life, in Christ your sins are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God who delivers us from  
the shackles of death to abundant life in Christ.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

## \*SHARING THE PEACE:

May the peace and hope of Christmas be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

**– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Our souls wait for you, Lord, and in your Word we hope. Envelop and guide us by your Spirit. We wait for your creating word to give us life and bring nourishment to our parched souls. Our souls wait for you, Lord, and in God's Word we hope.**

Old Testament:	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Liturgist
Gospel:	John 11:1-45	
Anthem:	<i>"I Will Come to You (You Are Mine) "</i> By: David Haas	Pastor
Sermon:	"What Do You Know?"	Pastor

**HYMN:**

**“Revive Us Again”  
(Verses 1 and 4)**

**Red 105**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Day by day, Dear Lord, of Thee three things we pray:  
to see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,  
follow Thee more nearly, day by day.**

**INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP**

Liturgist

We bring before God gifts of gratitude in response to God’s gift of breath, life, and wholeness.

*The offering plates are located at the front of the Chancel, or you can drop your offerings and tithes in the mail slot of the Parish House door. Thank you for your support of the mission of First Presbyterian Church.*

**OFFERTORY:**

Joe Balogh

**\* DOXOLOGY:**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures here below.*

*Praise God, above ye heavenly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Good and gracious God, may these gifts we bring—our time, talents, and treasure—be transformed into ways your life-giving presence is experienced in our community. Use this money and use us to give hope to the hopeless, wholeness to the broken, and fullness to the hungry. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN:**

**“O To Be Like Thee”  
(Verses 1, 2 and 4)**

**Red 480**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

**Leader:** Now go forth with God’s hope!

**People:** **We have put flesh on our faith  
and will go to serve others.**

**Leader:** Now go forth to shine Christ’s light on others!

**People:** **We will go forth calling others to new life  
and wiping away their tears.**

**Leader:** Now go forth in the steadfast love of the Spirit!

**People:** **We will go to share the hope for which  
this world longs.**

**BENEDICTION**

**JOYFUL RESPONSE**

**“Hallelujah! Thine the Glory!” Chorus**

**Red 576**

**Hallelujah! Thine the Glory! Hallelujah, amen!  
Hallelujah, Thine the Glory! Revive us again!**

Liturgy from [rev-o-lution.org](http://rev-o-lution.org), [lectionaryliturgies.org](http://lectionaryliturgies.org),

**– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –**

## Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Nancy Komlos.

Greeter today was Linda Aten.

## Liturgy and Lunch Schedule 12-1 pm

March 29	First Presbyterian (here) (food provided by Ministerium but would appreciate assistance)
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## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 26: Susan Badzik March 28- Brenda Kennedy Lisa Conger Maren Metikosh	March 30- Jacob Conger April 2- Mike Metikosh
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## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:**

**TODAY:** Worship at 10 am

**TUESDAY:** Bible Study at 2 pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Plarn Workgroup from 9 am – 12 pm;  
Liturgy & Lunch from 12-1 pm here

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Palm Sunday; Worship at 10 am; Communion &  
Coffee Hour

### **Next Week's Lectionary Readings:**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11;

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

Condolences to Phil Morrow and family on the passing of Lee Morrow. Visitation services will be at Stump Funeral Home, today from 2-4 and 6-8. There will be a service Monday at 11 am at the funeral home. A mercy meal will follow here at FPC.

We will visit as a congregation at 6 pm. Elders and deacons, especially, are urged to attend.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERINGS:** Thank you for your faithful support of the church and its ministries. The offering plates are located on the windowsills at the front.

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE FORMS AVAILABLE:** We are now taking orders for our annual plant sale, to be held on May 20, 2023. Pick up a form and place your order today! Forms will be available on the website, as well.

### **Upcoming Resurrection Services**

Sunday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Palm Sunday Communion and Coffee Hour
Thursday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday: Soup Dinner at 6 pm Service at 7 pm
Friday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
Sunday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sunrise Service at 7:30 am with breakfast following; Worship at 10 am

# *Spring Tea* UPDATE

Our second annual spring tea will be held April 22nd, from 1-4 pm, at the Monessen FD Social Hall #1. Tickets are available and are \$15 each. Please spread the word to your friends and families and get your tickets now.

The tables this year will seat eight people, so if you want to reserve a table (or more), contact the church office. B.J. Thomas is chairing the committee and would appreciate help. We need volunteers to bake; prepare tea sandwiches and Jello salads; solicit donations for the auction, set up and cleanup. Please contact B.J. or Pastor Mary Kay, or call the church office, to help. A SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH.

**MEN: *Please*** consider helping with this event. We need help setting up, cleaning up, and—ESPECIALLY—filling teapots and serving the tables. While it may not what you are used to, we need your help to show our guests that the men of the church support us. Who knows, they might come to church and bring their husbands with them! Last year Ray Helster pretty much carried the day, with help from Bill and Brenton Weightman. WE NEED YOU!

## PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers.

Please call the office with prayer needs, updates, and questions  
or e-mail the church at [office@fpresbv.org](mailto:office@fpresbv.org).

† John Amoroso † Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Wesley Beam †  
Dolores Beatty † Bill Behrens † Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish †  
Bob & Carol Berish † Nadine Brewer † Garret Brigs † Frank Britton  
† Angel Burnsworth † Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway †  
Sally Campbell † Carol Carcella † Jim Caristo † Milana (Berish)  
Cerniga † Rev. Ian Chikoti † Michael Colla † Lou Comadina † Nancy  
Craig † Glenn Crownover † Sandy Davis † Marge Denitti † Mary  
Dembski † Dorothy Dodroskey † Dale Dominic † Carol Driver †  
Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Ed  
Friedenberger † Brittany Heckathorn † Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston  
† Zoey Johnson † Janet † June Kefover † Donna Kearns † Cameron  
Kennedy † Lisa Korff † Robert Korff † Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley †  
J.T. Mateka † Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori †  
Stephen Minetta † Roland Mori † Phil & Family & friends of Lee  
Morrow † Mrs. Munsen † Lynette Murray † Tim and Melissa  
Nagelreiter † Betsy Neel † Mary Caroline Nicholas † Bob Palfrey †  
June Palfrey † Nora Pelezar † Darlene Perrotta † Helen Pulgino †  
Dennis Raymer † Dorothy Rogers † Ron Santoro † † Sandy Seeley  
† Alina Shaw † Linda Shuler † Chris Sicora † Toi Smith † Walter  
Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Grace Snyder † Nathan S. † Loretta  
Sternier † Laura Stopka † Patty Strychalski † Sandy Walters †  
Joseph Waywood † Yauger Family † Kim Zunic †

**Pray for the safety and protection of First Responders (police, fire, EMTS), Military Personnel, Medical Personnel, and those affected by senseless violence and war.**

*(If you have a prayer concern or to update the list,  
please call the office at 724-929-7616 or fill out a prayer card  
and place in the offering plate)*



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

501 Fayette Avenue, Rostraver Twp., PA 15012

**Church Offices:** 511 Fayette Avenue

**Office Hours:** M - F: 9:00 to 1:00

**Church Phone:** 724- 929-7616

**Fax and Fellowship Hall Phone:** 724-929-0209

**Pastor's Cell Phone:** 724-243-2871

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<b>Pastor:</b>	Mary Kay Glunt	243-2871
<b>Clerk of Session:</b>	Sharon Zunic	929-4463
<b>Church Secretary:</b>	Natalie Brewer	929-7616
<b>Organist:</b>	Joe Balogh	
<b>Chairman of Deacons:</b>	Susan Aten	929-6406
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Bill Callaway	929-5176
<b>Custodian:</b>	Patty Gillon	929-7616
<b>H. O. A:</b>	Linda Aten	929-6406

## E L D E R S

### **Class of 2023**

Sharon Zunic  
Jane Bonari  
Mary Beth Burkley  
Bill Kunca

### **Class of 2024**

BJ Thomas  
Lori Lamberski  
Carol Tragesser  
David Burdis

### **Class of 2025**

## D E A C O N S

### **Class of 2023**

Marguerite Patterson  
Dennis Peters  
Patty Gillon  
Eileen Kunca

### **Class of 2024**

Jessica Phillabaum  
Dave Neel

### **Class of 2025**

Susan Aten  
Fred Exley  
June Exley  
Barb Moskala

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